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SUBJECT: LEADERS OF LIBERATOR PARTY ARRESTED

REF: GEORGETOWN 1258, AUGUST 23, 1973

1. SUMMARY: GANRAJ KUMAR AND MAKEPEACE RICHMOND, LEADERS OF LIBERATOR PARTY WERE ARRESTED FEBRUARY 15 AND KUMAR CHARGED WITH SEDITIOUS LIBEL FOR OPEN LETTER ALLEGING 1973 ELECTION FRAUDULENT. ARREST OF KUMR, AIMED AT INTIMIDATING OPPOSITION AND STIFLING CRITICISM, LEAVES GOVERNMENT PROBLEM OF HIGHLY CHARGED POLITICAL TRIAL WHICH MAY PRODUCE COUNTRY'S FIRST POLITICAL PRISONER. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 15, GUYANESE POLICE ARRESTED LEADER OF LIBERATOR PARTY (LP) GANRAJ KUMAR AND LP VICE-CHAIRMAN MAKEPEACE RICHMOND. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, RICHMOND SAID BOTH MEN WERE QUESTIONED BRIEFLY ABOUT OPEN LETTER WRITTEN BY KUMAR CALLING FOR GUYANESE TO PROTEST AGAINST FRAUD COMMITTED BY RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) IN 1973 ELECTIONS. RICHMOND SAID POLICE TREATED BOTH MEN COURTEOUSLY AND RELEASED THEM NEXT
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DAY, FEBRUARY 16 ON BOND AFTER CHARGING KUMAR WITH SEDITIOUS

LIBEL. KUMAR'S COURT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14.
RICHMOND, WHILE NOT FORMALLY CHARGED WITH ANY OFFENSE, IS ON
STATION BOND AND MUST REPORT TO POLICE.

3. CHARGES AGAINST KUMAR STEM FROM OPEN LETTER WRITTEN BY
KUMAR TO COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF

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